

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*[English]***Purchase of films by Doordarshan**

*555 PROF K V THOMAS

SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Doordarshan has been buying films from foreign based companies

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether any foreign films have been imported in contravention of the guidelines laid down for the purpose

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir During 1991-92 Doordarshan purchased the telecast rights for two films "The Garden of Allah" and "The wild Heart" from M/s fairmont International Pvt Singapore

(c) No Sir

(d) Does not arise

Power Breakdown in Northern States

*557 SHRI V SREENIVASA

PRASAD

SHRI M V CHAN

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Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether a major power breakdown

occurred in the Northern States recently

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such breakdowns in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATHRAI) (a) Two major grid disturbances occurred recently in the Northern Regional Power System, on 9th March, 1992 and 31st March, 1992 resulting in failure of power supply in most of the constituent systems of the Northern Region

(b) The grid disturbance of 9th March 1992 was apparently caused due to heavy power oscillations in the system due to a fault in the 400 KV Switchyard of Ampara Thermal Power Station of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board. The Grid Disturbance of 31st March 1992 appears to have been caused by a fault close to Anpara 400 KV Switchyard during thunderstorm and lightning at the time of occurrence

(c) A Committee has been constituted to enquire into the causes of the incidents and to suggest remedial measures

*[Translation]***Ganga Barrage in Kanpur**

*562 SHRI KESRI LAL

SHRI SURESHANAND

SWAMI

Will the Minister of WATER RE SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has since submitted to the Union Government the modified project report on the Ganga barrage project in Kanpur

(b) If so, the details including the estimated cost thereof?

(c) whether the Union Government and the State Government have approved a time-bound and phased programme to construct the project jointly;

(d) If so, the the estimated expenditure proposed to be born by the Union Government and the State Government separately; and

(e) the time by which it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Postal Services

*563 SHRI G. M. C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any new system like Speed Post for better postal services in the rural, coastal and tribal areas;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any new steps for the modernisation of the existing postal system in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Introduction to Speed Post to new cities/towns including tribal, rural and coastal areas is an ongoing process keeping in view the customers needs, availability of suitable transmission network and traffic and Commercial viability.

(c) and (d). It is proposed in the 8th Plan to modernise the existing postal system by introducing mechanised sorting machines in metro cities, electronic money transfer and Computer based multipurpose counter machines in post office

Mulwada and Upper Tunga Projects

*564. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHAKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted Mulwada and Upper Tunga Project reports for World Bank assistance;

(b) If so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the area proposed to be irrigated from the projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The area proposed to be irrigated under Mulwadi Lift Irrigation Scheme is 29,500 hectares and that under the Upper Tunga Project is 94,698 hectares

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*565 SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: